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At line 24: insert -- Figure 15 is an elevational view of the vacuum cleaner when hung from the wall. --

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At line 19: after "first" insert --~~of~~^{for}

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At line 5: delete "32" and insert --~~56~~⁶⁰

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At line 8: delete "62" and insert --~~60~~⁶¹

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At line 27: after "art.", insert ~~—~~ For example, as shown in Figure 15, hanger mount 84 may be fixed to wall 88 by a mounting means such as a nail or screw 86. Mounting means 84 is adapted for engaging hanger 82. Accordingly, as shown in Figure 15, hanger 82 is received in hanger mount 84 when the vacuum cleaner is configured to the lowered storage position and raised above the floor so that hanger 82 may be received in hanger mount 84.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add new Figure 15.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims ~~1~~ through 21 as numbered in the attached copy of the parent application as filed, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please add new Claims 22 through 30, as follows:

22. A vacuum cleaner comprising:

- (a) a housing defining a cyclonic airflow chamber for separating contaminants from a suction airstream, said housing further comprising an inlet for said cyclonic airflow chamber and an outlet for said cyclonic airflow chamber;
- (b) a dirt container selectively mounted in said housing for receiving and retaining dirt and dust separated from said suction airstream;
- (c) a nozzle base including a main suction opening, said main suction opening being fluidically connected with said cyclonic airflow chamber inlet;
- (d) an airstream suction source having an inlet disposed adjacent said cyclonic airflow chamber outlet and a suction source exhaust outlet spaced from said cyclonic airflow chamber, said suction source selectively establishing and maintaining an approximately linear suction airstream from said outlet of said cyclonic airflow chamber to said inlet of said airstream suction source; and,
- (e) a main filter assembly positioned between said cyclonic airflow chamber and said suction source for filtering contaminants from said suction airstream.

23. The vacuum cleaner as set forth in claim 22 wherein said filter element is approximately cylindrical in shape.

24. The vacuum cleaner as set forth in claim 23 wherein said filter element has a convoluted outer surface.

25. The vacuum cleaner as set forth in claim 22 wherein said cyclonic airflow chamber inlet is disposed tangentially adjacent an outer periphery of said cyclonic airflow chamber and said cyclonic airflow chamber outlet is parallel to a longitudinal axis of said cyclonic airflow chamber.

26. The vacuum cleaner as set forth in claim 22 further comprising a final filter assembly positioned on one of said housing and said nozzle base, said final filter assembly being in fluid communication with said suction source exhaust outlet for filtering said suction airstream exhausted from said suction source into the atmosphere.

27. The vacuum cleaner as set forth in claim 26 wherein said final filter assembly comprises a high efficiency particulate arrest (HEPA) filter media.

28. An upright vacuum cleaner comprising:

- (a) an upright housing section including a handle;
- (b) a nozzle base section hingedly interconnected with the upright housing section, said nozzle base section including a main suction opening formed in an underside thereof;
- (c) a cyclonic airflow chamber defined in said upright housing section for separating dust and dirt from a suction airstream, said cyclonic airflow chamber including an air inlet and air outlet;